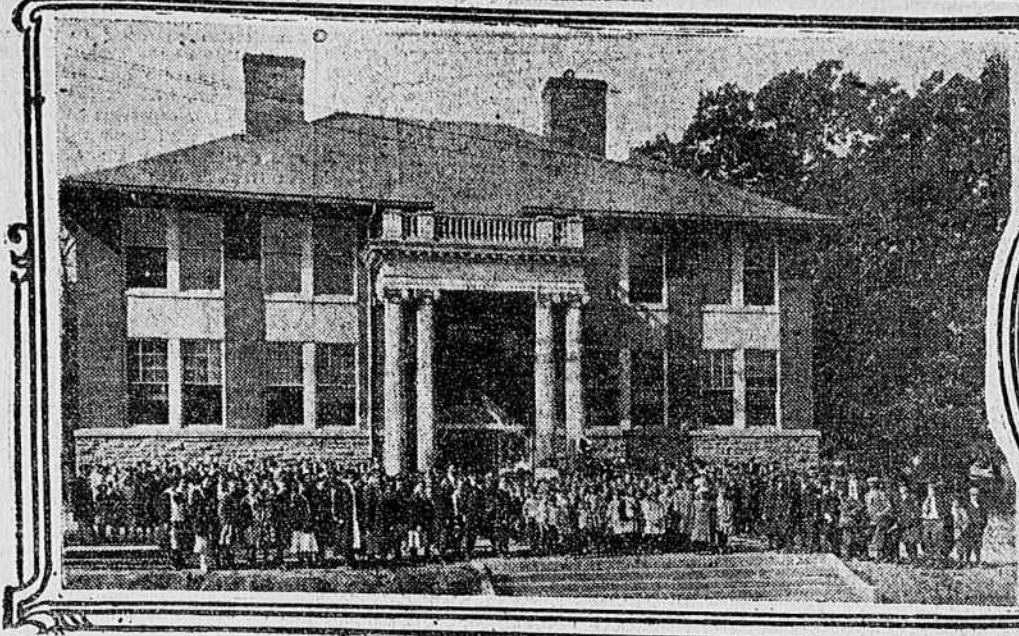


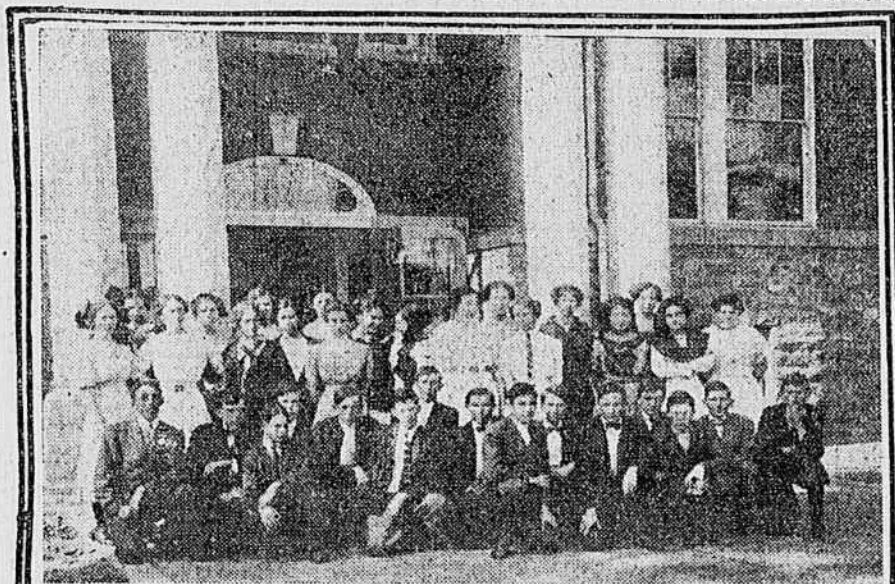
RADFORD IS RAPIDLY BECOMING AN EDUCATIONAL CENTRE



EAST WARD SCHOOL BUILDING.

EAST WARD SCHOOL TRUSTEES.
Left to right—E. W. Ward, I. L. Einstein and L. D. Keadle.

SECTION OF PRIMARY ROOM, WEST WARD SCHOOL.

WEST WARD SCHOOL TRUSTEES.
Left to right—T. R. Kelly, Charles Ross and E. C. Grayson.

SECOND AND THIRD YEAR HIGH SCHOOL.



TEACHERS OF EAST WARD BUILDING AND HIGH SCHOOL.

From left to right—N. A. Williams, Miss Mildred Pamplin, Miss Nellie Caldwell, Miss Myrtle Motteshed, Mrs. Ida Stone, Miss May Lester, Miss Grace Caldwell, Mrs. J. P. Whitte, J. P. Whitte, superintendent.

RADFORD, VA., November 11.—Radford, with her two new school buildings, one housing a high school, and a fine corps of teachers, is fast becoming a school centre, and she is destined to become better known as such with the completion of the new State Normal School, for which ground soon will be broken.

Radford was among the first to awake to the new educational movement, and in the last two years, with her new equipment, her school roll has taken on an extra hundred names. These come not alone from town, but from a distance as well, families having moved here to have the educational advantages offered, while not a few pupils board here for the school term and others come in from neighboring country daily. There is a charge of \$1 a month for outsiders in the grammar grades and of \$2 a month for the high school.

Rev. I. W. Irwin, then Presbyterian pastor, was superintendent when the new school laws went into effect and was largely instrumental in arousing interest, which culminated in the expenditure of \$10,000 for a new building in each of Radford's two wards. These are of the approved type now become familiar all over Virginia, with their classic portches and great windows, giving the best possible light. Each is located conveniently for the largest number of attendants, and walks have been laid about them, street improvements are being prosecuted to give convenient access, and work is still under way on the improvement of the grounds about the schools.

The new law it was necessary that the superintendent should be an educator, giving his entire time to education, and W. A. Anderson, nephew of the former Attorney-General, became superintendent. He infused the new spirit into the schools and organized them according to the general State standard and curriculum. Pupils and parents responded readily to the school revival, and Mr. Anderson's management was marked by surprisingly satisfactory results. He went from here to Bristol and is now in charge in Alexandria. He was succeeded by C. V. Rhoads, now at Woodstock, a fine example of the school man. This year finds the schools once again under changed management, but fortunately, not less competent and satisfactory than in the former two years. J. P. Whitte, present superintendent, and

principal of the high school, is a graduate of Milligan College, and has had ten years of school experience, having taught in Tennessee, Kentucky, Louisiana and Virginia. For three years he held the chair of ancient and modern languages in Milligan College, and for one year in the Tennessee training school at Centerville. He also for several years attended the summer normals in Tennessee. He brings fine equipment and enthusiasm to his work, and it is his purpose to try to make Radford's schools models for co-operative work with the new normal school.

Radford is spending some \$10,000 on her schools ready for teaching, maintenance and interest charges. In the two white schools are 720 pupils and in the colored 61.

Of these 250 are in the East Ward and 361 in the West Ward. The high school has 62 pupils, an increase of ten over last year. The high school is conducted in the East Ward building and the pupils are from both wards, while the highest grammar grade is combined in the West Ward.

The teaching force is made up as follows: Mr. Whitte, Latin; Mrs. J. P. Whitte, English and history; N. A. Williams, mathematics and science. The foregoing are in the high school, while those in the grammar grades are:

West Ward—Miss Leila Scott, principal, teaching seventh grade; Miss Helen Kern, fifth and sixth grades; Miss Ethel Hanes, sections of third and sixth grades; Miss Marybelle Scott, sections of third and fifth grades; Miss Anna Kendrick, second grade; and Mrs. Flora Shanklin, primary.

East Ward—Miss May Lester, sixth grade; Mrs. Ida Stone, fifth grade; Miss Grace Caldwell, fourth grade; Miss Mildred Pamplin, third grade; Miss Myrtle Motteshed, second grade; and Miss Nellie Caldwell, primary.

These make two more teachers than formerly. At present the high school has a three-year course, which, with seven years in the grammar and primary, gives ten years. It is hoped that another year the high school will be provided with the regular four-year course, placing it in the list of schools of the first-class.

Mr. Whitte considers his teaching force remarkably well equipped and the schools among the best in the State.

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